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In re Patent Application of

Yoshinori Sugahara

Application No.: 09/178,887

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October 27, 1998

Title: PRINTING SYSTEM

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Group Art Unit: 2624

Examiner: DOUGLAS Q TRAN

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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application. ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed. Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed. Also enclosed is/are _____ ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed. Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$385.00 (2801) \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments <u>not</u> be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above. Applicant(s) previously submitted for which continued examination is requested. Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed. A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

X	No additional claim fee is required.
	An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS						
	No. of Claims	Highest of Clair Previou Paid F	ns sly	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims		MINUS	=	0	x \$18.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims		MINUS	=	0	x \$86.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds n	nultiple depen	dent claims,	add \$	290.00 (1203)		
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00	
☐ Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0.00	

A check	in the amount of		_ is enclosed for the fee due
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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 7, 2004, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections.